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AND USE THEREOF

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

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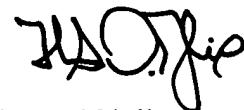
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Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references. The relevance of the above-identified references 1-10 has been described in the specification. In addition, references 11-21, which are not described in the specification, are submitted for their relevance.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no petition, certification or fee is required. Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

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